



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

Date: August 19, 2014  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** S.S., by and through her legal guardian and parent, Phaedra Singleton, v. City of Minneapolis, et al,  
United States District Court, Court File No. 0:13-cv-00967-RHK-FLN

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$22,500 payable to Phaedra Singleton and her attorney Joshua Williams, in a distribution to be determined by the City Attorney's Office for the purposes of a minor settlement, from Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:**

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

- ☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).  
☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget.  
☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.  
☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.  
☐ Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.  
☒ Other financial impact (Explain): Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400  
☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact**

**Background/Supporting Information**

Plaintiff Phaedra Singleton alleges that Minneapolis Police Officers violated her daughter's rights and injured her daughter while responding to a 911 call on March 6, 2013. Defendants deny these allegations. At a settlement conference, the City Attorney's Office was able to negotiate a proposed settlement in the amount of \$22,500, pending City Council approval. The Police Department supports this settlement. The City Attorney's Office recommends that the Council authorize settling this case in the amount of \$22,500 payable to Phaedra Singleton and her attorney Joshua Williams in a distribution to be determined by the City Attorney's Office for the purposes of a minor settlement, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400, and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.